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Saturday, September 14, 1957

We arrived in Berlin (at Lichtenfelde-West) this morning. Stevie, the children, Marjoribanks, Joe Phillips, Rebecca Wellington, the Spencer Phenixes, the Jack Schaffers, David Thomson, and Miss Margaret Lobkovitch were the other passengers.

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Messrs. George H. Fallon, Clifford David, John A. Blatnik and Samuel N. Friedel, of the U. S. House of Representatives, came to see me this evening. They are making a tour of Western Europe looking at public works. We had quite a talk about Maryland politics.

Tuesday, September 17, 1957

The Swedish Ambassador, Joedahl, came to see me today on a return courtesy call. In the course of it, he told me of the case of a Swedish citizen, Bengt Herman Nilsson, now being held by the U. S. military authorities at Mannheim. Nilsson went to the United States some years ago on an immigration visa with the intention of studying there until he received word of his admission to the Gymnastic School[1] in Sweden. He had no intention of remaining permanently in the United

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Tennessee Williams, Eugene O'Neill, Saroyan and Wilder. They must have been resurrected from some old theatrical dust bin, and it was not a stimulating evening for the Americans. However, the audience, mostly German, was polite; the spectators had been given free tickets! Nevertheless, the way in which Miss Farrell, Lillian Gish, Wilder and the others generously came here and are participating, at much personal inconvenience, is splendid.

Saturday, September 21, 1957

Clare left this morning. I went early to the office. [redacted]

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At six o'clock, Eleanor Dulles came to the house with Messrs. Walker, Morland Smith and Edelman (a distinguished lawyer) of the Stiftung. Eleanor is a remarkable women, like Foster in appearance, with a brilliant mind and a [redacted] tenacious character. She has what almost amounts to an obsession for Berlin. The greater part of what has been done there, and especially the Kongresshalle, is the result of her pertinacity. For some time, most of us in the Embassy and Mission in Berlin have felt further American sponsorship and contributions to housing and other developments in Berlin should be curtailed. Instead, emphasis should be placed on one or more permanent installations. I spoke [redacted] to Eleanor a few days ago about my conversation with Dr. Stern about a German-American hospital. She is wildly enthusiastic over this idea.

The others present today have had, like myself, some experience in this field. Personally, I think, if we go ahead, it should be an American institution, with an American board of trustees, financed entirely by American funds, governmental and private, to be maintained by private payments. The others were inclined to agree. The first thing to be done is to undertake a comprehensive survey. In connection with it, an expert from the Rockefeller Foundation and one from the Surgeon General's office might be useful if they could spare the time.

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the morning about our further tactics.

We have given away two puppies - both bitches - one to the Portuguese Ambassadress, charming Madame Rocheta, and the other to Mrs. Sinclair of our Embassy. We intend to dispose of one more and keep three. They are really quite beautiful and utterly beguiling - of course they rule the roost, and have made slaves of the children and the household.

Monday, September 23, 1957

The Japanese Ambassador came to see me this morning. This afternoon I met Lt. Col. Strieber and Col. Bird, Air Force officers and new members of the MAAG Mission.

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